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SUBJ: GOP REQUEST FOR SERVICES OF CONSULTANT ON ELECTRIC POWER

1. PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK OFFICIALLY INQUIRED IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR GOP TO OBTAIN ON URGENT BASIS SERVICES OF A U.S. SPECIALIST IN HYDROELECTRIC POWER TO COME TO PARAGUAY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TO PROVIDE DISPASSIONATE TECHNICAL ADVICE ON WHETHER PARAGUAY SHOULD CHANGE ITS CURRENT TO 60 CYCLES OR KEEP ITS 50 CYCLE SYSTEM.

2. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL BANK SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TECHNICAL ADVICE BE FURNISHED BY EXPERT FROM EITHER THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION OR THE EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK. GOP WOULD COVER TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. SERVICES OF SPECIALIST WOULD BE NEEDED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. HE SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF THIS SPECIALIST SPOKE SPANISH BUT THAT THIS IS NOT REQUIRED. HE STRESSED THE EXTREME URGENCY THAT EXPERT COME IMMEDIATELY AS GOP MUST MAKE DECISION NOW ON FREQUENCY. A SOLUTION TO THIS MATTER IS ALSO OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE TO USG AS SEVERAL AMERICAN
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FIRMS HAVE SUBMITTED BIDS ON GENERATORS. NO DECISION CAN BE MADE ON OFFERS UNTIL FREQUENCY PROBLEM RESOLVED.

3. FYI. PROBLEM ARISES BECAUSE OF THE ITAIPU HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT WHICH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED JOINTLY BY PARAGUAY AND BRAZIL. HALF OF THE GENERATORS WILL PRODUCE POWER AT 60 CYCLES FOR BRAZIL. PARAGUAY HAS RIGHT TO POWER OF REMAINING

NINE GENERATORS BUT CANNOT USE IT ALL. QUESTIONS ARE: (A) SHOULD THESE GENERATORS BE DUAL PRUPOSE, PRODUCING 60 CYCLES NOW, BUT ABLE TO SWITCH TO 50 CYCLES WHEN PARAGUAY CAN USE POWER; (B) SHOULD PARAGUAY CHANGE ITS ENTIRE NETWORK FROM 50 TO 60 CYCLES; (C) SHOULD GENERATORS PRODUCE DIRECT CURRENT WHICH CAN THEN BE TRANSFORMED TO 50 OR 60 CYCLES AS NEEDED; OR (D) IS THERE ANOTHER SIMPLE TECHNICAL SOLUTION. DECISION MUST BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT GENERATORS MAY BE ORDERED. END FYI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPARTMENT WOULD IMMEDIATELY QUERY BOTH FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION AND THE EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE TO DETERMINE IF EITHER ORGANIZATION IS ABLE TO SEND A SPECIALIST TO PARAGUAY TO ASSIST THE GOP ON THE BASIS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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